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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY
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WASHINGTON

AG 201 Forsyth, George A.
(7-23-26)

August 2, 1926

- Mr. Ben Hibbs,
Director of Publicity,
The Kansas State Teachers College of Hays,
Hays, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 23, 1926, addressed to the War Department, has been referred to me for reply, and I am pleased to furnish you the military record of Colonel George Alexander Forsyth, U. S. Army, Retired, deceased.

Colonel Forsyth was born in Pennsylvania, November 7, 1837, and was appointed to the Army from Illinois. He started his Army career as a private of Captain Barker's Company, Chicago Dragons, and served from April 19, 1861, to August 18, 1861. On September 18, 1861, he was appointed a first lieutenant of the 8th Illinois Cavalry; promoted to captain on February 12, 1862, and major on September 1, 1863. He was promoted to the rank of Brevet Colonel of the Volunteers October 19, 1864, for gallantry and meritorious service in the battles of Opequan and Middletown, Va., and appointed a brigadier general of the Volunteers March 13, 1865, for distinguished service and conspicuous gallantry; honorably mustered out on February 1, 1866. He was again appointed a major of the 9th Cavalry, Regular Army, July 28, 1866; promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel as aide-de-camp to Lieutenant General Sheridan April 9, 1878, and served as such until June 26, 1881. He was appointed lieutenant colonel of the 4th Cavalry June 26, 1881; brevet lieutenant colonel March 2, 1887, for gallantry and meritorious service in the battle of Dinwiddie C. H. Virginia; appointed colonel March 2, 1867, for gallantry and meritorious service in the battle of Five Forks, Va., and brigadier general September 17, 1868, for gallantry, conspicuous and meritorious service in an engagement with hostile Indians on the Arickaree Fork of the Republican River on the 17, 18, 19 and 20th of September, 1868. He retired as a lieutenant colonel March 25, 1890, and was promoted to the grade of colonel of the retired list April 23, 1904.

Colonel Forsyth died September 12, 1915, at Rockport, Mass.

I shall be pleased to furnish any further information you may desire concerning this officer.

Very truly yours,

Lutz Wahl
Brigadier General,
Acting The Adjutant General,
by *AWB*